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JP 2002-143078 Discloses outside tube for endoscope.  
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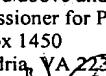
JP 2002-200034 Discloses retaining and fixing method of endoscope,  
(With English Translation) treatment tool, or indwelling tube and endoscope device.

JP 5-307143 Discloses external channel equipment of the endoscope, (With English Translation) which can use treatment implements, such as forceps.

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